

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A control method relating to image formation, comprising the steps of:

judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises any of “position”-type tags, “margin”-type tags and “line\_height”-type tags;

performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, such that processing to form images is executed after completing processing to determine coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document; and

performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, such that processing to form images is initiated before completing processing to determine coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document, ~~is completed~~;

wherein said judging, said performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, and said performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, are conducted for the entire document.

2 -4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A computer readable recording medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform operations, comprising:

judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises any of  
“position”-type tags, “margin”-type tags and “line\_height”-type tags;

performing, when said tags are judged to be comprised, control such that processing to  
form images is executed after completing processing to determine coordinate positions for all  
objects in the entire document; and

performing, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, control such that processing  
to form images is initiated before completing processing to determine coordinate positions for all  
objects in the entire document, ~~is completed~~;

wherein said judging, said performing control, when said tags are judged to be  
comprised, and said performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, are  
conducted for the entire document.

6 - 13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A control apparatus, comprising:

an input circuit that inputs tags corresponding to a document written in a structured tag  
language; and

a control circuit that determines if the tags indicate a potential conflict between an order  
in which coordinate positions of objects contained in the document are determined and an order  
in which images of the objects are formed,

wherein, when the tags indicate the potential conflict, the control circuit forms the images  
after completely determining the coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document,

wherein, when the tags do not indicate the potential conflict, the control circuit begins forming the images before completely determining the coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document, and

wherein, a position for image formation is not preset.

15. (currently amended): A control apparatus, comprising:

an input circuit that inputs tags corresponding to a document written in a structured tag language; and

a control circuit that determines if the tags indicate a potential impediment to forming images of objects contained in the document before completely determining coordinate positions of the objects,

wherein, when the tags indicate the potential impediment, the control circuit forms the images after completely determining the coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document,

wherein, when the tags do not indicate the potential impediment, the control circuit begins forming the images before completely determining the coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document, and

wherein a position for image formation is not preset.

16. (previously presented): The control apparatus of claim 14, wherein images are formed in an order in a downward direction.

17. (previously presented): The control apparatus of claim 15, wherein images are formed in an order in a downward direction.

18. (currently amended): A control method relating to image formation, comprising the steps of:

judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises any of “position”-type tags, “margin”-type tags and “line\_height”-type tags;

performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, such that processing to form images is executed after completing processing to determine coordinate positions for all objects in the entire document; and

performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, such that processing to form images is initiated before processing to determine coordinate positions is completed for all objects in the entire document,

wherein said judging, said performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, and said performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, are conducted for each page in the document.